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OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE RUNS DROP

Prairie Oil & Gas Company's Receipts 77,469 Barrels a Day the First Two Weeks of February as Compared with 86,188 Barrels a Day in the Same Period Last Month—Gulf Company Increased Its Runs to 15,350 Barrels a Day—The Texas Company Maintained Its Usual Average of 16,000 Barrels a Day—Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Producers' Association Ascertaining the Sentiment of Operators as to a Shut Down—Oklahoma Legislature Bent on Passing a Pipe Line Bill—Current Operations and Developments.

OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE RUNS.

Prairie Oil & Gas Company.

	Jan. 1 to 14.	Feb. 1 to 14.
Runs	1,206,639	1,084,572.58
Daily average	86,188	77,469.47
Deliveries	989,308	940,447.32
Daily average	70,664	67,174.81
Tanked	217,331	144,125.26
Daily average	15,523	10,294.66

Gulf Pipe Line Company.
(Estimated.)

	Jan. 1 to 14.	Feb. 1 to 14.
Runs	182,000	214,900
Daily average	13,000	15,350
Deliveries	182,000	203,000
Daily average	13,000	14,500

The Texas Company.
(Estimated.)

	Jan. 1 to 14.	Feb. 1 to 14.
Runs	224,000	224,000
Daily average	16,000	16,000
Deliveries	224,000	224,000
Daily average	16,000	16,000

TULSA, OKLA., February 18.—(Special)—Pipe line runs declined sharply during the first two weeks of February, due to the cutting down of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company's receipts. In the first half of January this company ran 86,188 barrels a day, of which 15,523 barrels a day was tanked. In the corresponding period this month the Prairie ran 77,469 barrels a day, 10,294 barrels a day going into storage. The Texas Company maintained its regular average of 16,000 barrels a day, and the Gulf Company increased its receipts from 13,000 barrels a day the first half of January to 15,350 barrels a day during the first two weeks of the present month.

PROSPECTS OF A SHUT-DOWN.

The foremost topic of discussion among operators in the entire Mid-Continent field continues to be some sort of a shut-down so that production may be curtailed. The matter has been taken actively in hand by the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association. The following statement on the subject was made public by the executive committee of the organization:

That in view of the fact that answers to inquiries addressed to individuals and companies operating throughout the Mid-Continent field requesting their opinions as to the advisability of a cessation of drilling operations to curtail production and bring about better conditions for all concerned, up to the present time show that over 95 per cent of replies are in favor of a shut down of drilling of from four to six months.

That we believe, in view of this fact, that a complete cessation of drilling for a time can effectually be accomplished and that the effectual carrying out of such a movement will result in ultimate good for all and eventually be the solution of the difficult problems confronting us. And we earnestly request every producer of oil, everyone directly or indirectly interested in the production of oil and those interested through a kindred business in the Mid-Continent field, whether members of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association or not, to co-operate with the association to this end and to assist in ascertaining the wishes of the various producers.

We respectfully request that you address a letter to the secretary of the association, Box 37, Tulsa, Okla., setting forth your disposition and your reasons for or against a shut-down.

In response to the foregoing request for an expression of opinion from operators Secretary Victor Martin, is receiving many letters and nearly all are favorable to some sort of shut-down. It is realized that a complete cessation of drilling would be next to impossible owing to the conditions of leases and the obligations of contracts already entered into. The officials of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association are now trying to formulate an agreement that will be generally acceptable. The association is to have its annual meeting at Tulsa February 27 and it is expected the agreement will then be in shape to present to operators.

THE SITUATION IN MISSOURI.

The situation in Missouri remains unchanged so far as the Standard Oil Company is concerned. The supreme court of that state has as yet taken no final action regarding the ouster decision against either the Standard Oil Company or the Waters Pierce Oil Company. In the meantime a committee of Oklahoma oil producers composed of W. H .Johnson, of Bartlesville, George W. Barnes, of Muskogee, George C. Priestly and Frank Phillips of Bartlesville have gone to Jefferson City, Mo., to confer with Attorney General Major. These gentlemen did not go as representatives of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, but as independent producers and in their own behalf. They made a plea for the retention of the Standard Oil Company in the state because of its bearing on the Oklahoma oil industry. The Standard owning and operating the big refinery at Sugar Creek near Kansas City is, through its subsidiary company, the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, the purchaser of an immense amount of Oklahoma oil. If the Standard has to get out of the state and abandon the Sugar Creek plant it will seriously cripple the market for Oklahoma oil. What effect this argument had with the Missouri officials it is impossible to say. Still further interest has been added to the situation by the action of the Waters Pierce Oil Company in going before the Missouri supreme court Monday, February 15, and depositing a check for $50,000 to cover the fine assessed against that company and at the same time filing a statement accepting the rulings of the court and agreeing to abide by any further rulings the court may make. A similar statement had already been filed by the Standard Oil Company at the same time making a proposal to remain in Missouri under state supervision. The whole thing therefore is up to the supreme court. A decision very far-reaching and momentous in its effects is expected from that body between now and March 1.

NORTH GLENN EXTENSION.

The one big surprise in this field in the first half of February was the dry hole drilled by the Taft Oil Company, owned by Charles Page and others, on the Tonley Ispocogee land, southeast quarter of 19-18-12. The well was put down in the southeast corner of the quarter section, and having good wells both north and south of it, it was believed to be a sure shot. Consequently the talent got a great jolt when the dry hole was announced. Mr. Page got another dry hole in his test in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of section 18-18-12. Many believe this marks the north line of the productive area of this field. But the dry hole of the Taft Oil Company down in the center of section 18 is a puzzle. About the only explanation is that it marks a hard or barren spot in the midst of a productive field.

But the north extension has to its credit a number of fine wells within the last two weeks. One of these was the No. 4 of the Gypsy Oil Company on the Dora Hawkins, northwest quarter of section 21-18-12. This started off at 400 barrels after a shot. The Gypsy Oil Company got another good well on the Jacob Ispocogee northwest quarter section 19-18-12 and a still better one on the Alice Aubrey southeast quarter of 18-18-12. A. B. Reese brought in a fine well on the David Overton, east half of the northeast quarter of section 29-18-12. This, before a shot, flowed by heads every 20 minutes and has the earmarks of one of the heaviest producers in the field. Delaney and others got a 150-barrel well on the Ira Eldred, northeast corner of the southwest

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quarter of 18-18-12 and the Eastern Oil Company got a 100-barrel well as an offset to the Delaney No. 2, northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of 18-18-12. The Arkansas Oil Company, Arthur Hull and others, got a 400-barrel producer on the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 30-18-12, and the Volunteer Oil Company got another big well in its No. 2 on the Ellis Bruner, northwest quarter of section 29-18-12.

CHEROKEE SHALLOW SAND.

Oil business around Nowata is still on the boom. The talent from all points of the compass is there, attracted by the shallowness of the sand and the size of the wells which seem to promise a quick return from the investment.

Great interest is centered in the little pool just north and east of Nowata. Some very good wells have been brought in this month, but much more would have been accomplished had it not been for the cold weather which shut every one down, as operators do not feel that it pays them to cover water lines for a stay of eight or ten days at a location.

The well drilled by Benedum & Trees south of town on the Isabella McCormack allottment, southwest quarter of section 8-25-16, is reported through the sand and dry. They claim to have found about 20 feet of sand, but neither oil nor gas in it.

The Brookins Oil Company on the Ida Werther allotment, northwest corner of section 20-26-16, got a good well last week and has moved to a location 800 feet east along the north line. This is an offset for the Progressive Oil Company's No. 2, on the Oliver Werther, just west 300 feet, which has been in 60 days and is still making 35 barrels. Joe Evans has just completed an offset to this last named well on the Charles Claggett in the southeast corner of section 17-26-16, which is good for 50 barrels. The Progressive Oil Company has casing on the ground and will start a well at once on a strip running north along the Charles Claggett line. This is a part of the Oliver Werther allottment. The same parties have drilled a well on the southwest quarter of section 17-26-16, which is showing for 100 barrels.

The Toledo Oil Company has a large acreage in this field and has been running two machines since early last fall and has a fine production. This company has not drilled a dry hole.

In the northeast corner of the N. J. Palmer in section 4-26-16 Gunsburg and others have completed No. 1, which is reported to be making 15 barrels per hour the second 24 hours after being shot. This seems to be a spur extending south from the rich streak running west from Childers to Delaware. It is only important on account of the size; does not open up anything new beyond a few inside locations. Two more machines are now offsetting the well, one just across the section line on the Simon Love, section 34-27-16, and one east on the Ora J. Graham in section 3-26-16.

Smith, Whitehill and others shot No. 12, on the William Lowery in section 35-27-16, Thursday the 11th instant. They have a good well, but it seems to show the effects of drainage caused by open lines on the adjoining lease.

Producers have experienced another cut in the Childers field.

In the Nowata field, more particularly known as the Claggett field, the Progressive Oil Company has drilled in its No. 5, on the Mariah Claggett farm and has a 100-barrel producer. This is in section 17-26-16. The Paraffine Oil Company reached the sand Friday, the 12th, on the Josie M. Claggett, east section 18-26-16. There are two wells due on the Isabelle Claggett in section 17-26-16, this week which will be good ones for this locality. The most important well now is the one on the Washborn, section 19-26-16, being drilled by Dr. Howell and others. It should reach the sand this week.

MUSKOGEE.

The Prairie is running just enough of the production at Muskogee to relieve operators of the necessity of building increased storage.

Gunsburg in section 5-14-18 got a fairly good well. It made 100 barrels with the drill four feet in the sand.

The No. 3 on the Guernsey, Chicken Farm, section 6 is a light producer.

Argue, Compton and others in their test on the Crabtree, in section 3-14-18 got a dry hole. This was a disappointment to may who believed the rich shallow sand pool of the field extended towards the southeast.

MORRIS.

The Helena Oil Company has brought in a well on the southeast quarter of section 27-13-14 which is good for 300

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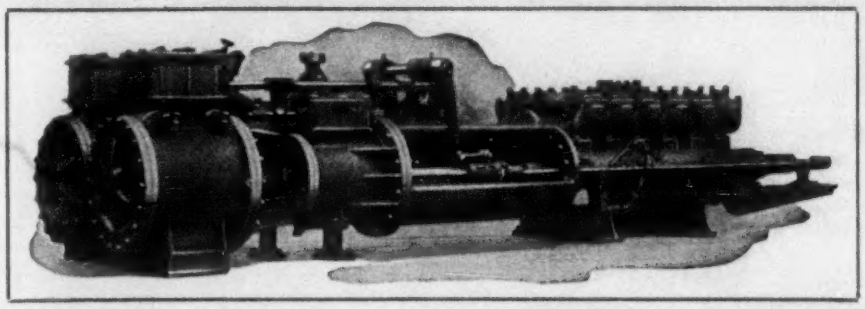

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McKee and others are just at the sand on the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 27-13-14 and have a showing for a well.

The Gypsy Oil Company on the Atkins, northwest quarter of section 34-13-14 got a showing of oil at 1765 feet, but is going deeper and hopes to get a pay sand at 1900 feet.

The gross production of the field for the week ending February 13 was 11,750 barrels of which the Prairie ran about 5275 barrels and the Gulf 1200 barrels.

BIRD CREEK.

The developments in this field during the past ten days have been highly satisfactory. In the upper field the Britton-Johnson Oil Company and the Paraffine Oil Company brought in their first well on the Lemuel Charley allotment of 80 acres, being the south half of the northwest quarter of section 17-21-13, and it is good for 80 to 100 barrels after a shot. There was a well drilled on this land a year or more ago, which has made a very good record. The new well is 900 feet north of it and makes the entire 80 acres look good. The pay sand here is about 30 feet thick, and the wells in that district make long-lived pumpers.

Down in the Flatrock district a number of big wells have just been brought in. The Highland Oil Company, McFarlin and others has brought in No. 6, which made 600 barrels after a shot and then settled down to about 400 barrels. The same company has rigs up for Nos. 7 and 8. Its first 55,000-barrel steel tank is about full. This company owns 20 acres, known as the Henry Brady tract, in section 19-20-13. They are pumping their oil into a 55,000-barrel steel tank, except a part which is taken by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. The Justin Oil Company, on the Margaret Lloyd land, in section 19-20-13, got only a 100-barrel producer, with some water mixed with the oil. The Hill Oil Company brought in two fine wells on the Gus Payne land, section 18-20-13. The first one made 500 barrels immediately after the shot and then settled down to 300 barrels regular. The second one made 100 barrels natural. It has not yet been shot. Ufer and Sinclair on the Lucy Glass adjoining the Gus Payne on the south, have a 75-barrel producer. The Damon Oil Company, formerly Thompson Oil Company, on the Naomi Wilson, southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18-20-13, shot their No. 4, which made 600 barrels. It made 250 barrels natural before the shot. The company has a rig up for No. 5. There is wooden tankage on this lease for 25,000 barrels, and it is full.

The Texas Company's six-inch pipe line has reached the Flatrock district.

FACTS ABOUT PRODUCTION AND INDIAN ROYALTIES.

Dana H. Kelsey, United States Indian Agent at Muskogee, has an interesting chapter in the annual report of the Commissioner for the Five Civilized Tribes for the year ending June 30, 1908. The report shows that there had been a total of 17,428 oil and gas leases filed, of which 9647 have been approved by the department. A total of 5424 have been disapproved, and 512 are pending before the department.

The following is Mr. Kelsey's table, showing the approximate number of barrels of oil marketed in the Creek and Cherokee Nations in the two fiscal years 1907 and 1908:

Month.	1907.	1908.
July	980,000	3,326,000
August	990,000	3,580,000
September	925,000	3,675,000
October	1,265,000	4,270,000
November	1,250,000	3,845,000
December	1,365,000	3,565,000
January	1,595,000	3,340,000
February	1,707,000	3,260,000
March	2,366,000	3,610,000
April	2,970,000	3,450,000
May	3,154,000	2,875,000
June	3,150,000	2,305,000
Total	21,717,000	41,101,000

Mr Kelsey estimates that there were approximately 36,000,000 barrels of oil held in storage within the limits of the Creek and Cherokee Nations July 1, 1908.

The following extract from the report gives a good idea of the magnitude of the royalty business:

"In proportion as the work of the lease division has been reduced by the forwarding of leases and their approval, the work of the royalty division has increased. When leases are approved by the department and returned, they are at once entered upon the records of the royalty division and accounts opened for the collection of royalties. There are annual advance royalties, annual rental for failure to drill, monthly royalties on oil production, and annual royalties on gas wells. During the year just closed 5061 new leases were approved, which caused the open-

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ing of that many new individual accounts, so that at the close of the fiscal year there were approximately 10,000 separate accounts in the royalty division. The royalties and rents collected the past fiscal year were more than those collected during all the previous fiscal years. The increase in this work is better shown by the statement given below:

DISBURSED.

	1907.	1908
First quarter ...	$124,891.17	$276,353.91
Second quarter..	116,816.95	349,518.42
Third quarter ...	171,714.78	556,409.63
Fourth quarter ..	265,924.55	503,393.30
Total	679,347.45	1,685,675.26

COLLECTED.

Fiscal year—	
1904	$1,300.00
1905	91,624.40
1906	323,555.40
1907	775,489.15
1908	1,692,627.55
Total	2,884,596.50

WEST GOES GUNNING.

Attorney General West succeeded in having inserted in the urgent deficiency bill now before the Oklahoma legislature an item of $2000 to enable him to ferret out the stockholders of the Gulf Pipe Line Company and The Texas Company to see if they are also stockholders in the Standard Oil Company. In other words Mr. West wants to spend $2000 of the state's money to prove that those three companies are really, if you go back far enough, one and the same. An effort was made in the house to have the item stricken out, but this failed, so, in all probability, Mr. West will be enabled to prosecute his quest. The inquiry, while it lasts, will keep West in the lime-light as Jack-the-Giant-Killer, and that will serve his purpose.

DAVE CONNOLLY'S STORY.

At the dinner given to Sir Weetman Pearson at the Robinson hotel on the night of February 6, among those present was Dave Connolly, of the Okla Oil Company, and towards the end of the dinner, somewhat to the surprise of those in attendance one or two of the guests were called on for speeches. Mr. Connolly is always most happy in his remarks on such an occasion and is never at a loss for a good story. In deference to the prominence of Sir Weetman Pearson in the oil business and the distinction which he has attained in this and other connections, and with characteristic modesty Mr. Connolly told the following story illustrative of the situation:

"Following the Johnstown flood, the souls of those who were lost ascended to heaven, and as each appeared at the gate, in answer to a question from St. Peter as to where he had come from, the reply would always be, with pardonable pride, that it was another victim of the Johnstown flood. An old gentleman with a long gray beard was noticed sitting to one side, and as each of the new comers would announce that he was a victim of the Johnstown flood, the ancient one could be heard to say in a tone of great contempt, 'Rats.' Finally becoming exasperated beyond endurance one of the victims turned to St. Peter and asked who that old fellow was who insisted on saying 'Rats' every time the Johnstown flood was mentioned. To which St. Peter replied, 'Why, that is Noah.'"

NOTES.

C. T. Madison has sold his interest in the Muskogee Oil Refining Company, and resigned the management. The new manager is J. A. Gill, who for eighteen years was connected with the Standard Oil refinery at Whiting, Ind. He will install a lubricating plant and make other improvements.

Nearly all the rigs blown down in the windstorm the last of January have been rebuilt and wells are once more at their normal production. There was a lot of bad weather, however, in the first half of February and the total production for the month will be light.

Many oil men including representatives of the pipe line companies went to Guthrie February 16 and 17 to appear before the committee having in charge the pipe line bill now before the legislature. A committee that went down from Bartlesville took along with them a bill which will be offered as a substitute for the original bill.

The Texas Company is making rapid progress with its 55,000 -barrel steel tank in the upper Bird Creek field. It will probably be ready to receive oil by the first of next week. The Alpine Oil Company in the Flatrock district has begun its sixth 55,000-barrel steel tank. The production of this company is now close to 5000 barrels a day.

James Kittermaster, president of the Lambton Loan and Investment Company, of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, is here on a visit to his old friend and townsman, J. E. Crosbie. Mr. Kittermaster has some interests in the Glenn field.

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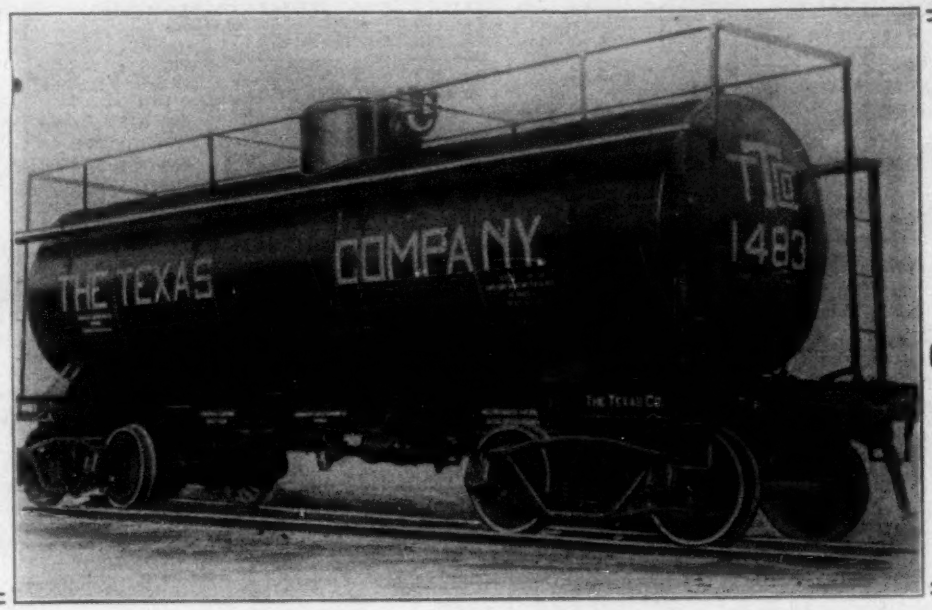

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ment Company, thus acquiring 120 acres in section 34-18-12, Glenn pool, for $47,000. There are three producing wells on the property. The former owners were R. T. Root, of Denver, and Charles Page, of Tulsa. Mr. Root had a two thirds interest.

Jacob Bradstreet recently sold a third interest in the Arkansas Oil Company for $10,000. The company owned two 40-acre tracts, one in section 30 and the other in section 29, of the North Glenn extension. The company has just brought in a well rated at 300 barrels on the 40 in the southeast quarter of section 30. Larkin Brothers were the lucky purchasers of the Bradstreet interest.

R. C. Holmes, manager of The Texas Company's refining department arrived at Tulsa, February 1, with Doctor Albert Sommer, head chemist of The Texas Company, who lives in New York. The two remained here several days.

R. C. Armstrong, Jr., manager of the Muskogee Pipe Line Company, has become manager of the Laurel Oil and Gas Company, operating in the Glenn field. Mr. Armstrong is from Pennsylvania, and is a brother of G. W. Armstrong of Fort Worth, Texas, who has extensive oil interests in South Texas and in Oklahoma.

The Heckla Oil Company, Joe Evans, has brought in its No. 3 on the Jennie Ispocogee, west half of the northwest quarter of section 20-18-12, North Glenn extension, and it is making 250 barrels after the shot. Another good well just completed in this field is that of the New York Development Company on the Rosa Alexander, southwest quarter of 28-18-12. It is good for 250 barrels. This is the company's third well on this tract.

The Best Oil Company, now part of the Oklahoma State Oil Company, has given a contract to the Petroleum Iron Works Company for one 55,000-barrel steel tank, to be erected on the company's lease in the Glenn field.

After a very hotly contested struggle John O. Mitchell, prominent in oil circles, was elected Mayor of Tulsa, February 16, and Frank A. Gillespie, another well-known oil man, was elected one of the four city commissioners. Tulsa is now under the commission form of government.

Another blizzard swept down on the Mid-Continent field February 15. This makes about the fourth for the winter. Since the beginning of the year there has been little let up in bad weather. There has been a regular procession of blizzards much to the detriment of field operations. J. R. R.

LATE NEWS NOTES FROM TULSA.

TULSA, OKLA., February 19.—(Special Telegram)—Martin Moran, manager of the Oklahoma division of the Texas Company, has returned from Guthrie, where he went to appear before the committee of the legislature having in charge the pipe line bill. Others from here who appeared before the committee were N. V. Franchot, D. F. Connolly, Robert Galbreath and Judge Diggs. The impression here is that while the original bill may be modified, some sort of a pipe line bill is sure to pass.

Geo. S. Davison, assistant to president Mellon of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, has arrived here from Pittsburg.

The Sachem Oil Company's No. 3 well at Muskogee, has come in and is making 25 barrels an hour; the same company's No. 4 is at the sand.

J. R. R.

GAS SITUATION IN NORTH TEXAS.

North Fort Worth has granted the natural gas franchise applied for by the Navarro Refining Company interests. The gas is to be piped 100 miles from the Clay county fields.

It seems definitely assured that both the Navarro people and The Texas Company will lay lines from the Clay county field to the principal North Texas cities, including Dallas and Fort Worth, if a sufficient supply of gas is developed. If the Clay county field does not show enough gas for the purpose the supply will be obtained elsewhere, probably from Caddo, La.

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GENERAL PIPE LINE STATISTICS

(For January, 1909.)

MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL & GAS COMPANY...

1909.	Total bbls.	Daily avg.
	Runs.	
January	2,684,529.77	86,597.78
	Deliveries.	
January	2,197,351.17	70,882.29
	Tanked.	
January	487,178.60	15,715.44
	Stocks.	
February 1		39,368,143.36

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.

	Runs.	
January	449,500	14,500
	Deliveries.	
January	449,500	14,500
	Tanked.	
January		None
	*Oklahoma Stocks.	
February 1		4,838,000

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.

	Runs.	
January	496,000	16,000
	Deliveries.	
January	496,000	16,000
	Tanked.	
January		None
	*Oklahoma Stocks.	
February 1		1,500,000

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

RECAPITULATION OF MID-CONTINENT REGION.

	All Pipe Line Runs.	
January	3,630,029.77	117,097.73
	All Pipe Line Deliveries.	
January	3,142,851.17	101,382.29
	Tanked.	
January	487,178.60	15,715.44

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS FEB. 1.

Prairie O. & G. Co.	39,368,143.36
*Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.)	4,838,000.00
*The Texas Company	1,500,000.00
In producers' storage	7,686,000.00
Total	53,392,143.36

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

GULF COAST REGION.

(Estimated.

	Production.	
January	1,212,325	39,107
	Consumption.	
January	1,351,938	43,611
	Stocks.	
February 1		2,786,003

ILLINOIS REGION.

Ohio Oil Company.

	Runs.	Deliveries.
January	2,494,492.51	324,886.99
Other deliveries		1,578,398.72
Daily average runs		80,467.00
	Stocks.	
February 1		25,876,529

PENNSYLVANIA - LIMA - KENTUCKY.

	Total bbls.	Daily avg.
	Runs.	
January	2,393,020.91	77,161.96
	Deliveries.	
January	5,367,001.81	173,129.09
	Gross Stocks.	
February 1		14,545,103.26
Increase for month		185,806.15

GRADES OF OIL.

The following tables show the amount of the different grades of oil held by the Eastern pipe lines at the close of December and January, and included in the gross stocks in foregoing table:

Grade.	Dec. '08	Dec. '09
Penn.	3,306,893.72	3,421,244.53
Lima	3,619,819.42	3,909,003.45
Kentucky	311,590.01	314,868.37
Kansas	3,548,730.64	3,829,793.20
Illinois	3,572,263.82	3,070,193.71
Total	14,359,297.11	14,545,103.26

ALL LIGHT OIL RECEIPTS.

Following are the average daily receipts of the different grades of oil by the various lines during December and January:

Fied.	Dec.	Jan.
Pennsylvania	66,675	60,073
Lima-Ind.	18,239	17,089
Illinois	81,055	80,467
Mid-Continent	122,472	117,097
Totals	288,441	274,726
Decrease		13,715

PIPE LINE STOCKS OF LIGHT OIL.

The stocks of Oklahoma and Kansas oil held by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company amounted to 39,368,143 barrels at the close of January. The stocks held by the Gulf Pipe Line and The Texas Company in Oklahoma were estimated at 6,338,000 barrels, and the stocks of Oklahoma crude held by these companies in Texas were estimated at 2,200,000 barrels, which would make the total stocks in the tanks of the pipe line companies west of the Mississippi 48,006,143 barrels.

The total stocks of the various grades of oil held by the various pipe line companies at the close of January were as follows:

Kind of Oil.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	3,421,245
Lima-Indiana	3,909,003
Kentucky	314,868
Illinois, Eastern lines	3,070,194
Illinois, Ohio Oil Co.	25,876,529
Mid-Continent, Eastern lines	3,829,793
Mid-Continent, Western lines	48,006,143
Total	88,427,775
Total January 1	87,180,142
Increase	1,247,633

MANDATE IN TEXAS WATERS PIERCE CASE STAYED FOR 30 DAYS.

The mandate in the Waters Pierce Oil Company case has been stayed for thirty days from February 18, the day which otherwise it would have been issued. The order was formerly delivered to the chief clerk of the supreme court by Justice Fuller on February 15. No explanation accompanied the delivery of the order, nor was it possible to get one, two members of the court declining to be seen concerning the matter. The clerk of the court stated that no papers or motions had been filed with him. Among those who have had experience in matters before the supreme court, this action is accepted as meaning that the court will entertain a petition to file a motion for rehearing. The supreme court is in recess, having been so for two weeks. Its next session will be held Monday, February 22. Pending the issuance of the mandate the affairs of the company and of the receivership in Texas are in statu quo.

The case against H. Clay Pierce, charging perjury in connection with the re-entry of the Waters Pierce Company into Texas in 1900, has been set for trial at Austin, Texas, on May 17.

THE CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

	Sept 4	Sept 8	Oct 13	Nov 12	Dec 10	Dec 26
Spindletop	50	50	57	56	56	60
Sour Lake	48	48	55	54	54	54
Batson	48	48	55	54	53	53
Saratoga	44	48	55	54	53	53
Humble	50	50	57	56	54	54
Dayton	39	44	51	50	50	50

All oil run on the basis of 60 degrees F. temperature.

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	Aug 4	Sept 7	Oct 7	Oct 12	Nov 10	Dec 5
Spindletop	50	50	55	57	55	55
Sour Lake	48	48	53	55	53	53
Saratoga	44	48	53	55	53	53
Batson	48	48	53	55	53	53
Humble	50	50	55	57	55	53

The Texas Company.

Credit balance quotations suspended by this company June 8. Following are postings up to that date:

	Feb 4	Mch 13	Mch 30	Apr 20	May 11	May 30
Sour Lake	75	72	70	68	65	62
Saratoga	71	71	66	64	61	58
Humble	73	70	68	65	62	60
Jennings	70	67	64	60	57	54
Shrevep't	70	67	64	58	55	52

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

Oil Producers Marketing Co.

	Feb. 6	Feb. 15
Batson	58	60
Saratoga	58	60
Sour Lake	60	62
Spindletop	60	62
Humble	60	62

NORTH TEXAS.

Navarro Refining Company.

	June 10	June 13	Oct 15
Corsicana, light	72	70	[illegible]
Corsicana, heavy	50	45	48
Henrietta, Texas	60	45	48

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11	1907 Mch. 9
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5
Glenn Crude	$0.35

EASTERN STATES.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.32
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	1.04
South Lima	.99
Indiana	.99
Illinois	.68
Illinois, under 30 degrees	.60
Princeton, Ind	.68
Somerset	1.00
Ragland	.65
Canada	1.44

A recent edition of The Yellow Strand, published by the Broderick & Bascom Rope Company, St. Louis, contains some very interesting facts as to oil and gas, including a history of the Kansas and Oklahoma development, profusely and beautifully illustrated with fine halftone pictures. The advantages of wire rope in drilling are set forth in detail. Copies of the publication may be had by writing to the home office at St. Louis.

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(February 1 to 15.)

Gulf Coast production on February 15 was put at 39,860 barrels. Southeast Texas was credited with 29,860 barrels, and Louisiana with 10,000 barrels. These figures indicate a decrease from the estimates for January 31 of 505 barrels.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

No change in credit balance quotations as posted by the pipe line companies has been reported since Decemerb 26, when the Sun Company advanced Spindletop from 56 to 60 cents The Oil Producers Marketing Company on February 15 raised its prices 2 cents, making Sour Lake, Spindletop and Humble 62 cents, and Batson and Saratoga 60 cents. Spot sales in the various fields are reported at 60 to 62 cents and contracts at 65 cents.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Thirty-four wells were completed in the Gulf region in the first half of February, 19 being producers with initial output estimated at 1890 barrels and 15 dry. In the corresponding period in January, there were 29 completions, of which 18 were producers, credited with 2695 barrels of new oil, and 11 were dry. Sour Lake furnished 1135 barrels of the new production secured in the first two weeks of February, and Humble 650 barrels, as against 395 barrels of new oil from Sour Lake, and 420 barrels of new oil from Humble in the first half of January. On February 15 there were 96 wells drilling and 14 rigs up in the Gulf fields, as against 102 drilling and 8 rigs on January 31. Caddo heads the list in field work, with 38 wells drilling on February 15. Humble is second, with 19 drilling and Sour Lake third, with 11 drilling.

SOUR LAKE.

Sour Lake remained the center of interest in the Gulf Coast region during the first half of February due to the large initial production of some of the new wells in the south and east extensions of the field. Seven wells were completed in the half month, all producers, with 1135 barrels of new oil. Producers 5, on the Sour Lake Oil Co. tract (Bordages) started at about 1000 barrels but fell off quickly and is carried in the field report in this issue as flowing 250 barrels initial production. Later it stopped and a liner was set in it. Drake 1, on the Hooks, close to the Texas farm, flowed about 350 barrels the first 24 hours; Producers 2, on the Merchant, north of the Sour Lake Oil Co. tract, 350 barrels natural; Home 1, on the Hill & Carpenter, next to the Hardcastle lease, 50 barrels on the pump; Keever & Gordon 1., on the Merchant, and Sun 1, on the Enloe & Carpenter, each about 50 barrels, and Gilbert 42, on the Gilbert 35 barrels on the pump. Of the drilling wells, Annex 3 is going down on the West tract, close to the railroad and just west of The Texas Company pump station; Smith 1, on the Carpenter, northeast of the Ambrose Jackson tract, and near the Thomson-McLaughlin development; Daley 1, on the Armstrong, northeast of the Thomson-McLaughlin; Hartel & Anderson 1, on the Hartel, east of the Thomson-McLaughlin; Robinson & Buckner 1, on the Malevinski, west of the railroad. In addition Knight 2 is drilling on the Cora Jackson, Drake 1, on the Merchant, Bordages & Guiterman 2 (Barkley-Bordages) on the Jackson; Sun 1, on the Turpin, and Texas 134 on The Texas farm. Terry 1 was shut down on February 15. A total of 11 wells were drilling on that date and 2 were drilling deeper. Tarvin 1, on the Cannon and Britton 1, on the same tract were deepened during the first half of February, coming in good for about 75 barrels and 50 barrels, respectively. Six rigs and 4 derricks were up February 15. The development by the Producers Oil Co. on the old Sour Lake Oil Company's tract is exciting the greatest interest, but the rapidity with which wells are going down in the new development does not augur well for its life. The original Sour Lake Oil Company's tract embraced 13 acres and is located north of the Sour Lake townsite. The old company became involved and was sold out for debt more than a year ago, several of the old stockholders, including W. S. Davidson, John N. Gilbert, I. R. Bordages and others assuming the obligations and taking over the property. Davidson subsequently sold his interest to S. W. Pipkin and B. R. Norvell. Other transfers of stock have been made since. About five months ago the Sour Lake Oil Company leased the property to the Producers Oil Company, and a production of about 1000 barrels day has since been developed. The new development is in a sand formation found below 1430 feet. It is said that as much as 100 feet of pay has been found in some of the wells. It is a strainer proposition.

CADDO.

Three wells were completed at Caddo in the first two weeks of February, Producers 2 on the P. Harrell, southeast quarter of section 2-20-16 being dry, McCann & Harper 1, on Pitts, northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 31-22-15, a 50,000,000-foot gasser, and Caddo Gas & Oil 1, on the Mary L. Cook, southwest quarter of section 32-20-15, Mooringsport, a gasser. The McCann & Harper well extends the gas territory to the northeast a considerable distance. Thirty-eight wells were drilling and three rigs up February 15, as compared with thirty-three drilling and one rig on January 31. No new developments had been reported at Mooringsport up to February 16. It is stated that the Gulf Refining Company 1, on the Hostetter, which has been making from 30 to 50 barrels a day since last spring, has quit producing. The No. 2 well on this land is said to be making about 250 barrels under the pump. The McCormick well at Mooringsport, which was due in some days ago, had not been made a producer at last accounts, and a liner was being set in it. The pressure in the two wild gas wells north of Caddo lake is diminishing, according to late dope from the field, and it is predicted that they will die out of their own accord, through caving or other causes.

OTHER DISTRICTS.

The string seems to be about played at Goose Creek. The Producers Oil Company is running only one rig, Ashbel Smith 3, which was down 1700 feet, February 15. The test on the Isenhour was shut down at 2440 feet, and the pipe pulled. The same is reported as to the test on the Sweet, which had reached 1800 feet. Gaillard 1, the discovery well is making about 30 barrels, and Gaillard 2, about 40 barrels on the pump.

At Markham things are almost as slow. Producers-Hardy 17 was down 1080 feet February 15, having been delayed by twist-offs and hard formations. Producers-Hardy 18 was in rock at 700 feet, with little progress reported. The discovery well has been put on the pump, and the entire production of the field is now only about 90 barrels.

At Humble 14 completions were recorded in the first half of February of which 10 were producers with 650 barrels initial output, 3 dry and 1 a gasser, against 10 completions with 230 bar-

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rels of new oil from 4 producers in the last half of January. In that period there were 5 dry holes and 1 gasser. The producers completed in the first half of February ranged about as follows: Hermann 61, on the Hermann, 150 barrels; E. F. Simms 10, on the McDonald, 140 barrels; Nickolson & Co. 6, on the Butler, 125 barrels; John O'Neil 58, on the same tract, 75 barrels; Producers 110, on the Mason, 50 barrels; John O"Neil 57, on the Butler, 40 barrels; the others from 30 to 10 barrels per well. There were 19 wells drilling, 1 rig and 1 new derrick up on February 15, against 26 drilling and 2 rigs and 3 new derricks on January 31. Four wells and 2 derricks were abandoned the first half of February.

Saratoga reported 1 completion the first half of February, Rio Bravo 249, on the Rio Bravo farm, good for 50 barrels initial production. Five wells were drilling and 1 rig was up on February 15.

Jennings reported two completions, both dry, in the first half of February, against 6 completions, of which 3 were producers, with 1670 barrels initial output in the last half of January. On February 15 seven wells were drilling compared with 8 on January 31. Three wells were drilled deeper in the first half of February, increasing production 730 barrels. This, however, had fallen off 500 barrels by February 15. Gulf Ref. Co. 7, on the Jennings-Clement developed salt water on being deepened; Gulf Ref. Co. 10, on the same tract, was deepened and flowed at the rate of about 600 barrels on February 5, but by February 15, had fallen to 100 barrels. An attempt was made to deepen Heywood Oil Co. 7, on the Acadia, but the hole was crooked and strainer was set in the upper sand, producing about 30 barrels on the pump.

Spindletop developments were discouraging the first half of February, four wells, all dry, being the record of completions. Two of these have been abandoned; the other two may be worked on. Six wells were drilling on February 15. This compares with 1 completion (dry and abandoned) the last half of January and 7 wells drill- on January 31 .

Batson reported but 1 completion, Allen Oil Co. 2, on the Conzelman lease, in the first half of February. It produced about 135 barrels of fluid, 60 per cent being water, the first 24 hours. One well was drilling, 1 rig and 1 derrick up on February 15.

Following are the estimates of Gulf Coast production on February 15, tables of well statistics for the first half of the month and detailed field reports for the same period:

GULF COAST PRODUCTION, FEBRUARY 15.

(Estimated)

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

District	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15
Saratoga	3,800	4,025	3,925
Batson	3,700	3,875	3,575
Humble	12,750	11,300	11,300
Sour Lake	4,500	4,950	6,500
Spindletop	4,000	4,300	4,300
Dayton	150	85	100
Markham	225	150	90
Goose Creek	50	75	70
Totals	29,175	28,760	29,860

LOUISIANA.

District	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15
Jennings	7,400	8,500	7,500
Caddo	3,275	2,700	2,100
Anse la Butte	450	350	350
Welsh	70	55	50
Totals	11,195	11,605	10,000

GULF COAST REGION.

District	Jan. 15	Jan. 31	Feb. 15
Southeast Texas	29,175	28,760	29,860
Louisiana	11,195	11,605	10,000
Totals	40,370	40,365	39,860

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF FEBRUARY.

WELLS COMPLETED.

District	Com.	Oil.	Dry.	Abd.	Pdn.
Saratoga	1	1	0	0	50
Batson	1	1	0	0	55
Humble	14	10	*4	4	650
Spindletop	4	0	4	2	0
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	7	7	0	0	1135
Jennings	2	0	2	0	0
Caddo	3	0	**3	0	0
Anse la Butte	0	0	0	1	0
Markham	0	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	2	0	2	2	0
Totals	34	19	15	9	1890
First half Jan.	29	18	11	15	2695
Difference	5	1	4	6	805

* One gasser. ** Two gassers.

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District	Drilling Jan. 31	Drilling Feb. 15	Rigs Jan. 31	Rigs Feb. 15	Totls Feb. 15
Saratoga	3	5	3	2	7
Batson	1	1	0	1	2
Humble	26	19	2	1	20
Spindletop	7	6	0	0	6
Dayton	3	3	0	1	4
Sour Lake	12	11	2	6	17
Jennings	8	7	0	0	7
Caddo	33	38	1	3	41
Anse la Bt.	4	3	0	0	3
Markham	2	2	0	0	2
Goose Crk.	3	1	0	0	1
Totals	102	96	8	14	110
Total Jan. 31					110

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Drake 1, Hooks; flowing 350 bbls.
Producers 2, Merchant; flowing 350 bbls.
Producers 5, Sour Lake Oil Co. tract; flowing 250 bbls.
Home 1, Hill & Carpenter; pumping 50 bbls.
Keever & Gordon 1, Merchant; pumping 50 bbls.
Sun 1, Enloe & Carpenter; pumping 50 bbls.
Gilbert 42, Gilbert; pumping 35 bbls.
Completed 7, producing 7, new production 1135 bbls.

DRILLING.

Annex 3, West.
Knight 2, Cora Jackson.
Smith 1, Carpenter.
Drake 1, Merchant.
Bordages-Guiterman 2, Jackson.
Daley 1, Armstrong.
Hartel & Anderson 1, Hartel.
Robinson & Buckner 1, Malevinski.
Sun 1, Turpin.
Texas 134, Texas farm.
Terry 1, Brown; shut down.
Drilling 11.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Gilbert 1, Bailey.
Tarver 2, Cannon.
Drilling deeper 2.

DRILLED DEEPER.

Tarver 1, Cannon; 75 bbls.
Britton 1, Cannon; 50 bbls.
Drilled deeper 2, new production 125 bbls.

RIGS.

Hardcastle 1, Fearman.
Meehan 1, Cannon.
Taber 1, Texas Co. and Taber.
Britton 1, Hansen & Taylor.
T. S. Crosbie 1, Silverman & Henderson.
Bordages-Guiterman 3, A. Jackson.
Rigs 6.

DERRICKS.

Keever & Gordon 1, Cannon.
Cannon 1, Cannon.
Home 2, Hill & Carpenter.

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Derricks 4.

NOTE.

Producers 5 on the Sour Lake Oil Co. tract made 1000 barrels the first day it flowed, but dropped to 250 barrels, and then stopped flowing. A liner is being put in it.

HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

E. F. Simms 4, McDonald; gasser.
E. F. Simms 10, McDonald; 140 bbls.
E. F. Simms and others 4, Bart; 20 bbls.
Nicholson & Co. 6, Butler; 125 bbls.
Hermann 61, Hermann; 150 bbls.
Jno. O'Neil 57, Butler; 40 bbls.
Jno. O'Neil 58, Butler; 75 bbls.
Producers 110, Mason; 50 bbls.
Producers and Ninety-Nine Co. 109, Bailey; 30 bbls.
Burrows and Flynn 2, Butler; 10 bbls.
Hopplus & Bailey 3, Charpiot; 10 bbls.
Simms & Co. 9, Jones; dry.
Sun 76, Bailey; dry.
Edwards 3, Butler; dry.
Completed 14, producing 10, dry 3, gas 1, new production 650 barrels.

DRILLING.

E. F. Simms 1, Bender; shut down.
Hermann 49, Hermann; shut down.
Hermann 59, 60 and 62, Hermann.
Hermann 63, Hermann; tubing up.
Producers 88, Bart; shut down.
Producers 91, Hermann & Brockman; shut down.
Producers 102, Moore 2 acres; shut down.
Producers 103 Matthewson; shut down.
Producers 111, Mason.
Producers 112, Bart.
Sun 51, Bailey.
Guffey 2, Hirsh.
Emerson & Potts 2, Butler; fishing.
Burt McGaffey 1, Marshall; fishing (wildcat).
Granberry 25, Hermann.
Esperson 6, Cherry.
Ninety-Nine Co. 14, Bush.
Drilling 19.

RIGS.

E. F. Simms 11, McDonald.

NEW DERRICKS.

Sun 78, Bailey.

ABANDONED.

Sun 52, Holmes; dry.
Sun 56, Holmes; dry.
Guffey 1, Fant & Freund; dry.
Simms 9, Jones; dry.
Producers 86 and 87, Conway; derricks.
Abandoned 4, derricks 2.

NOTE.

Wood & Meadows 4 on the Butler, reported as rig January 31, is listed as a derrick February 15.

SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

Kathleen Oil Co., (Henderson, Thomson and others) McFaddin; dry, abandoned.
C. A. Abercrombie, 100 acre tract on McFaddin; water; pulling casing; abandoned.
Wilson-Broach 5, Miss-Texas lease; water.
Sunshine Oil Co., block 22, McFaddin; dry.
Completed 4, dry 4, abandoned 2.

DRILLING.

Bowles Bros. 1, block 15, Gladys; shut down.
Bowles Bros. 2, block 15, Gladys; setting strainer.
Unity 22, McFaddin.
Guffey 108, in Gladys flats.
Wilson-Broach 6, Miss.-Texas lease.
G. P. Speed, block 5, Gladys.
Drilling 6.

BATSON.

COMPLETED.

Allen Oil Co. 2, Conzelman lease; 135 barrels fluid; 60 per cent water.

DRILLING.

Higgins 1, Higgins; shut down account water.

RIG.

Ada Belle Oil Co., Moonshine.

DERRICK.

Higgins 2, Higgins; 200 feet E. No. 1.

GOOSE CREEK.

COMPLETED.

Producers 1, Sweet; dry and abandoned at 1800 feet.
Producers 1, Isenhour; dry and abandoned at 2440 feet.
Completed 2, dry 2.

DRILLING.

Producers 3, Ashbel Smith; 1700 feet February 15.

MARKHAM.

DRILLING.

Producers-Hardy 17, about 1080 feet in rock February 15.
Producers-Hardy 18, about 700 feet in rock February 15.
Drilling 2.

SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

Rio Bravo 249, Rio Bravo farm; 50 bbls.

DRILLING.

Rio Bravo 250 and 259, Rio Bravo farm.
Sun 45, Ogden.
Guffey 7, Herrington.
Gaines 1, Teel; shut down.
Drilling 5.

RIGS.

Rio Bravo 251 and 256, Rio Bravo farm.

DAYTON.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Mills 1, Mills farm; shut down, to drill deeper.
American Sulphur 5.
Wm. Bullard 1, Pruitt.
Drilling 3.

RIG.

Paraffine Oil Co. 1, Grave Yard Hill, Hardin league.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

McCann & Harper 1, Pitts, N. E. 1-4 of NW 1-4 sec. 31-22-15; 50,000,000-feet gasser.
Producers 2, P. Harrell, SE 1-4 sec. 2-22-16; dry.
Caddo G. & O. 1, Mary L. Cook, SW 1-4 sec. 32-20-15 (Mooringsport); gasser.
Completed 3, dry 1, gas 2.

DRILLING.

Producers 1, J. W. White, sec. 18-20-15.
Producers 1, J. Milam, SW 1-4 sec. 6-19-15.
Producers 1, Producers fee, SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Producers 4, C. W. Lane, SW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 sec. 18-20-15.
Producers 1, Rudersdorff NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 sec. 11-20-16; pulling casing.
Producers 1, Holt, SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 sec. 2-20-16.
Gulf-Broussard 1, Brown, sec. 18-20-15.
Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Cook, sec. 32-20-15.
Gulf Ref. Co. 3, Hostetter, SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Edwards NE 1-4 sec. 31-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Gulf. Ref. Co. 1, Nunnally, SW 1-4 sec. 29-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Gulf Ref. Co. 1, So Relle, SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Mason, SE 1-4 sec. 30-20-15 (Mooringsport).
Gulf-Broussard 1, Pitts, sec. 20-20-15, N side Caddo Lake, opposite Hostetter.
Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Curtis, NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 19-20-15, N side Caddo Lake.
Staiti 1, SW 1-4 sec. 31-20-15 (Mooringsport); shut down.
Caddo G. & O. 1, Harris, sec. 29-20-15, gassing (Mooringsport).
Caddo G. & O. 1, Glassell, SW 1-4 of SE 1-4 sec. 10-20-15.
Caddo G. & O. 2, C. G. & O. tract, SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 1-20-16; shut down.
Caddo G. & O. 1, A. C. & J. M. Dixon.
Hunter 3, E. K. Smith, sec. 1-20-15.
McCann & Harper 2, Pitts, NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 sec. 31-22-15.
Curtis and others 1, Caddo G. & O. tract, sec 18-20-15.
J. C. Trees 2, Stiles, sec. 27-21-16.
J. C. Trees 3, Stiles, sec. 22-21-16.

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B. G. Dawes and others 1, Brown, NW 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 18-20-15.

Rogers 3, Rogers, (Lewis Station) SW 1-4 sec. 24-21-16.

D. C. Richardson 1, Richardson, NW 1-4 of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 1-20-16; shut down.

Richardson 1, Nunnally & Richardson, SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 sec. 25-21-16.

Richardson 1, Guy, NE 1-4 sec. 32-21-15.

Merchants 1, La. Oil Co., SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 6-20-15.

Busch-Everett 1, Douglas, SW 1-4 of sec. 30-20-14.

Busch-Everett 1, Etcheson, NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 sec. 11-20-16.

Lillie 3, Thompson Lbr. Co .tract, NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 sec. 12-20-16; shut down.

Heywood Oil Co. 1, J. S. Savage, NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 2-20-16.

Blanchard 3, Surrey, SW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of sec. 12-20-16.

Marshall 1, Cole (Blanchard, La.), sec. 33-19-15.

W. B. McCormick 1, Croom, SW 1-4 sec. 31-20-15, Mooringsport; setting liner.

Drilling 38.

RIGS.

Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Christian NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15.

Gulf Ref. Co. 4, Hostetter, SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15 (Mooringsport).

Busch-Everett 1, Guy, sec. 30-21-15.

Rigs 3.

LOCATIONS.

B. G. Dawes, sec. 31-22-15.

Black Bayou 3 and 4, sec. 10-20-15.

Locations 3.

NOTES.

Th Busch-Everett Company has leased about 40,000 acres in Bossier Parish.

The Texas Company has bought Anderson's Island, comprising 550 acres.

It is reported that Gulf. Ref. Co. 1, on the Hostetter, has stopped producing. Gulf. Ref. Co. 2, on the same tract, was doing about 250 barrels on February 15; Producers 2, on the Lane, about 550 barrels; Richardson 1, on the Patzman, about 175 barrels.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

Producers 71, Latreille 40 acres; dry.

C. O. & M. 41, Fee simple; dry.

Completed 2, dry 2.

DRILLING.

Gulf Ref. Co. 3, Jennings, fee simple.

Producers 72 and 73, Latreille 40 acres.

C. O. & M. 39, fee simple.

C. O. & M. 42, on 50 acres, 1 1-4 miles east of field.

Chgo-Jennings 11, Clement.

Great Southern 1, Arlington 3 acres; building standard rig.

Drilling 7.

NOTES.

Gulf Ref. Co. 7, on the Jennings-Clement was drilled deeper and developed salt water.

Gulf Ref. Co. 10, on the same tract produced at the rate of 100 barrels, after being deepened.

Heywood Oil Co. 7, on the Acadia, tried to drill deeper but hole was crooked. Strainer was then set in upper stratum and pumping developed about a 30-barrel well.

Gulf Ref. Co. 10, on the Jennings-Clement, came in gushing about 600 barrels February 5 and flowed at that rate for a week. On February 15 it was doing about 100 barrels.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

J. Y. S. 1, A. Martin; shut down.

Baton Rouge 1, La. Petroleum; 1680 feet.

Grow 1, N. Patin; shut down.

Drilling 3.

ABANDONED.

Oil and Timber 1, A. Broussard; 1845 feet; pipe stuck.

NOTE.

Lake 8, on the R. Martin is shut down, but drilling will be resumed in a few days.

INCORPORATED.

Texas.

Yount Oil Company, of Beaumont; capital stock $6000. Incorporators: P. H. Cannon, M .T. Yount, L. Wilkinson.

Oklahoma.

The Martin Oil and Gas Company of Independence, Kansas, filed notice of appointment of Harry R. Denton of Muskogee as its Oklahoma agent.

Dorothea Oil Co., of Muskogee, incorporated with $5000 capital stock by R. C. Armstrong, Jr., William O. Carr, both of Muskogee; George W. Armstrong, Fort Worth, Texas, and others.

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SIR WEETMAN PEARSON IN MEXICO.

What is Sir Weetman Pearson, head of the great English house of S. Pearson and Son, going to do with the "oil war" which his company has on its hands? There is considerable interest in what the great contractor is planning to do with the organization known as S. Pearson and Son, Limited, Oil Fields Department.

Sir Weetman arrived Wednesday evening, (February 10) on one of his regular trips of inspection to his Mexico interests, and has been closeted with his heads of departments ever since. He will shortly go to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and Tuxpam, where the chief oil fields in which he is interested are located. Part of the Minatitlan refinery (in the midst of what is said to be a rich field of high grade oil) was recently burned down at a loss of something between $500,000 and $2,000,000, and some loss of life, which nobody will confirm. The Pearsons have a tidy contract with the Furber oil fields, near Tuxpam, for the oil which is to come from the wells drilled there, when railroad and pipe lines (being built with Pearson money) is finished.

The Waters Pierce Oil Company is meanwhile selling more oil than ever, it is claimed. The Pearsons, with an incompletely organized selling staff, and but little business outside the larger towns, are selling at the same rates.

This, briefly, is the situation which Sir Weetman has to face. He is a man known for his quick and far-sighted decisions.—Mexican Herald, City of Mexico.

SLANG AS SHE IS SLUNG.

"I'll be deviled," said the ham.
"I'll be switched," said the train.
"I'll be darned," said the sock
"I'll be stumped," said the tree.
"I'll be blowed," said the horn.
"I'll be hanged," said the picture.
"I'll be damned," said the stream.
—Judge.

THE BUSTLER—A SPECIES OF HUMAN FALSE ALARM.

A writer in the Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal who signs himself Solomon, hits the nail on the head with respect to a certain class of human false alarms that we all know. He calls them "bustlers." Here is the way he sizes them up:

You can't tell the size of a fire by the amount of blaze and smoke. The other day a stable and loft took fire that made more reflection and sent forth more smoke, while the affair lasted, than the ten- story building down town that was demolished a week later. To see the blaze and dense volumes of smoke that poured skyward, you would have thought half the block on which the old thing stood was doomed; but 20 minutes settled the business. There are people that, to hear them talk and see them fuss, you would think that they were the only ones on earth that were doing anything worth while. You have only to look a little closer, and know a little more about them, and you find there is a good deal more wind that wheat going through their machine. There is considerable difference between "hustle" and "bustle." If people would hustle more, there would be less bustle. Bustle is caused by not being up to the mark either in grip or application. The bustler is the man who is always in a dead sweat either because he does not know his business or because he has been asleep or loitering when he should have been at it. A hustler is the man who is "in it" from the drop of the hat, and for all he is worth. Hustling and bustling may look alike, but the results tell the tale. You can't, to save your soul, tell a turnip seed from a wild mustard seed as they lie side by side in your hand. But plant them, and you will soon find out. The hustler "gets there"; the bustler is just as far behind on the last lap as he is at first. Don't try to hide laziness and supineness behind a show of activity. Covet the "hand of the diligent."

DEATH OF BENJAMIN ANDREWS, SR.

Benjamin Andrews, Sr., who was, for several years, an active and successful operator at Spindletop, died at his home in New Orleans on February 13. He was 77 years old ,and leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons. One of the sons, Benjamin Andrews, Jr., is well-known in the Texas and Louisiana oil country, and for two years past has been in Mexico, first with the Pearsons and later with the McKay syndicate, which is presumed to represent E. H. Harriman. Another son, Reuben Andrews, was formerly in the oil business at Beaumont, but is now located at Los Angeles. Mr. Andrews was born in Massachusetts. He was of distinguished ancestry, and was identified with many successful enterprises in New Orleans and in the state of Louisiana. He was a pioneer cotton seed oil man, and was president of the Cotton Seed Oil Company. The funeral took place on February 15 from the family home, 1636 Amelia Street, New Orleans.

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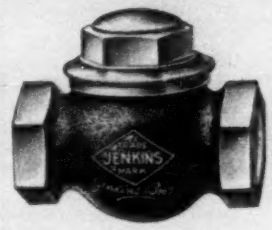

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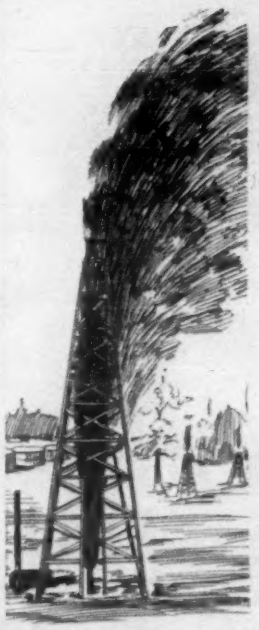
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THE ANNUAL STATISTICAL NUMBER OF THE JOURNAL.

Houston Post:

The annual statistical number of the Oil Investors' Journal has just been issued. It contains 96 pages inside the cover and is teeming with the kind of oil news that oil operators are interested in. It gives an exhaustive resume of the Texas coast country fields, the Oklahoma fields and the other fields of Texas and Louisiana, while much data is given concerning the fields of Mexico and Central America. The statistics are down to date. The magazine is well patronized by the commercial interests peculiar to the oil industry especially, and looks fat and healthy.

Houston Chronicle:

The annual statistical number of the Oil Investors' Journal has made its appearance. The publication is recognized by oil men in the South as an authority on the industry in this part of the country, and the number just issued is one of the best ever presented to the public. The current issue of the Journal contains practically 100 pages, devoted exclusively to the various fields in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, with a review of the markets in each state. It is a valuable publication to those who are interested in the industry. Special attention is paid to the development of new fields and an interesting resume of the work for the past several months is one of the features of the publication.

NOTES.

The first number of the National Petroleum News, "representing independent oil men," published monthly at Cleveland, O., and edited by Warren C. Platt, has been received. It contains much information of interest to the oil trade, particularly the refining end of the business. The paper stands for the principles advocated by the National Petroleum Association. Its home office is located in the Rose Building, Cleveland.

It is reported The Texas Company has purchased a site for warehouse, tanks, stables, etc., at Yoakum, Texas, and will begin building at once. The warehouse is to be 40x60 feet and have switching facilities. Two tanks of 12,500 gallons each are also to be erected. Yoakum will be a distributing point, with J. M. Young as local agent.

The New Orleans Board of Trade has under advisement the question of recommending the extension of the franchise, granted to the Municipal Gas Company, which proposes to supply the city with gas for fuel purposes at a maximum cost $1 per 1000 feet. The company wants its franchise extended from 1925 to 1950, claiming that capital will not back the enterprise unless the term is made for that period. During the hearing held on February 3 by a committee of the board one of the advocates of the extension said the company expected to manufacture its gas at first and later to secure a supply of natural gas. The New Orleans Gaslight Company which now furnishes gas to the city, opposes the extension.

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A FEW OIL INVESTORS' JOURNAL FACTS.

Exclusive of the papers sent to subscribers and newsdealers more than 1000 copies of the Annual Statistical Number of the Oil Investors' Journal had been sold—not given away—up to February 19, less than a week after the issue was off the press. Every one of these papers was bought by some one interested in the oil business, and every copy went to an active operator or some one actively identified with the associated trades. A thousand specimen copies in addition to the regular list were sent out from this office to oil producers, dealers and refiners.

One newsdealer in Tulsa ordered 100 copies. The papers were received by him on the morning of February 16. By night 50 copies had been sold. At Muskogee a newsdealer who ordered 20 copies sold them the first day and ordered 20 additional copies by wire. In every mail since the date of issue orders for the paper have been received. One of these was from Cuba, enclosing remittance for four copies.

These few facts are given because we think they will be of interest to our readers and to our advertisers. We believe every person who has bought a copy of the Annual Statistical Number and every person or concern who advertised in it got his money's worth.

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A NEW 300-BARREL WELL AT BOULDER, COLO.

Interest in the Boulder, Colo., oil development is reviving as a result of the completion last December of a 300-barrel well by the Inland Oil Company on its property in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of section 33, township 2 north, and range 70 west, about six miles north of Boulder. This is by far the best producer yet obtained in the district, in fact there is said to be only one other approaching its class, and that is the Inland Company's No. 3, known as the Big Liz, which has been making over 100 barrels under the pump for five years. It is located a mile south of the new well, Inland No. 13, in the northwest quarter of section 4-1-70. The No. 13 flows naturally by heads, being the first well in the district to perform in this way. It was drilled to about 2100 feet and showed 25 to 30 feet of pay. This is the usual depth in the Boulder region.

It is customary to use about 100 feet of 10-inch pipe, 500 feet of 8-inch and 1300 feet of 6 1-4-inch, most of the wells being without casing below 1300 feet. The average cost of drilling is $5000 per well. The oil tests 41 degrees Beaume in gravity and is the color of vaseline. It brings $1.55 a barrel at the wells. The Inland Oil Company has a refinery at Boulder capable of running 500 barrels a day of crude. Another refinery at Boulder has a capacity of 100 barrels a day. Both are preparing to double their capacity.

Walter W. Fondren, of Houston, has just returned from Boulder, where he secured leases on 200 acres within a half mile to a mile north, northwest and northeast of the new well, along left Hand Creek. The terms were one-eighth and one-tenth royalty, with cash rentals in advance amounting in all to about $1100. He has from six months to 12 months in which to begin drilling.

The output of the Boulder field prior to the completion of the new well was about 400 barrels a day, of which the Inland Company had 300 barrels and other operators 100 barrels. The Inland No. 13 has doubled that company's production. There is a prospect of considerable development in the district this year. The territory northwest of the Inland No. 13, according to Fondren, is favored by operators as furnishing the best prospect for an extension.

THE TANK STRAPPER'S COLUMN.

One of our enthusiastic feminine readers once jollied us along with the remark—which she put in writing—that her two favorite publications were the Oil Investors' Journal and the Ladies' Home Journal. If all the other newspapers and periodicals were denied her she said she would make out very well with these two, and—she added as a final application of the salve—if she had to give up one of the two it would be the Ladies' Home Journal. We are not trying to make Mr. Bok feel badly, or anything of that sort. We just mention it to complete the record. This certain reader is a lady who travels widely—in fact she has the address of her paper changed so frequently and to so many funny old places in Europe, and thereabouts, that she keeps the office boy in the circulation department pretty busy marking up her line of march on the mailing list. But the appreciative reader with the traveling habit is not the only feminine peruser of these columns. Far be it from such. From Maine to California and from Canada to Mexico this Beacon Light of Civilization is a favorite with the ladies—a real ninety-nine-and-three-quarters-per-cent-pure, name-blown-in-the-bottle favorite. We say it with all modesty, but why try to hide the truth? Last week one of our gentlemen friends, while away from home for a few days received a letter from his wife. He vouches for the fact that she is a constant reader of The Great Enlightener (still another name for the O. I. J.) and avers that the communication which she sent him evidences this without need of corroboration. The inspiration for the letter he traces to the T. S. column. Be that as it may, the lady was not reading the O. I. J when she wrote her hubby. The contents of her letter betrays an intimate acquaintance with the advertising columns of our rival contemporary, the Ladies' Home Journal, and furnishes proof, if proof were needed, that the gentler sex is given to studying the advertisements. We don't hand this out at a bait to our advertisers, for we have no hope of conning them into the belief that our feminine read-

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We don't know what the answer is, but we think the composition worthy of preservation in the Sanctuary of Literature—which is yet another name for the O. I. J.

Live stock personals from the Petrolia (Ont.) Advertiser:

Sinclair Bros. sold a nice colt one day last week to Mr. Allingham of Corunna.

A lecture was given in the day school on Tuesday the 2nd, under the auspices of the Farmers' Association, subject, "Rearing a Calf for Export."

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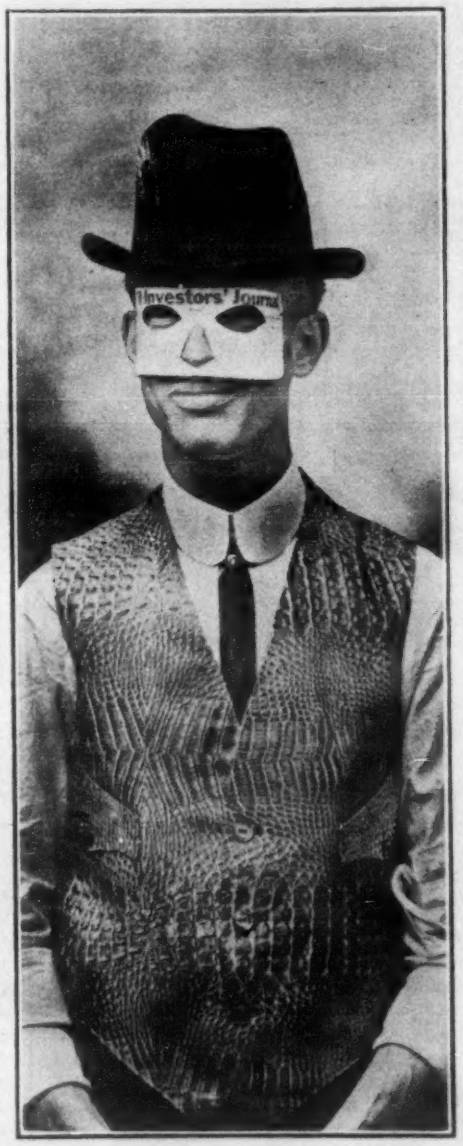

THE RATTLESNAKE KID,

Alias Blond Bart, the Terror of the Tank Strapper's Column.

No, gentle and unprotected reader, you need not throw up your hands. This is not a Des-per-ay-do. Nyther is it a Des-per-ah-do. Nor is it a Night Rider, member of the Ku Klux Klan, member of Congress, member of Bill Gray's Moral Uplift Society, or Hearst Secret Agent. It is merely Us. Not that we are a thing of beauty, and therefore deserving—like Jack Crosbie and Jim Sloan—of having our likeness perpetuated, or perpetrated, in the Great Perpetuator, or Perpetrator (suit yourself as to most fitting term). But for the sole purpose of exhibiting to the whole world the rattlesnake vest that Ike Bettison sent us from Tulsa one day last week, and the green hat that Howard Hughes, alias How Huge, inflicted upon us the same day, did we ask the fotograffer to risk a $40-lense on us. At the suggestion of the gentleman in whose company the camera used on this occasion was insured against accident we wore the mask. The combination of the waistcoat, the hat and our face he considered more than the apparatus should be expected to withstand. We really were surprised at Ike. But knowing as we do the precautions that are taken inwardly against snake-bite in Tulsa—it being a sort of daily and nightly routine up there to fill the skin with antidote—it is but natural that Ike's mind should run to snakes, snake skins and the like. As for the sky-piece, it is an Austrian product, with a bow in the back—such a hat as anyone would not be ashamed to wear on a dark night 50 miles from human habitation. The object on the left side of the hat, above the band, is a Scotch thistle, loaned for the occasion by Hot Scotch Hendershott of Beaumont. Taken altogether we think the layout would stop any ordinary train, make an automobile reverse itself automatically and cause a city-broke mule to climb a tree.

The Texas Company, it is reported, will establish a station at Meridian, Miss., to cost $5000.

George W. Barnes, Jr., of Muskogee, was in Houston and Galveston last week, accompanied by Mrs. Barnes.

The Western Equipment Company, 72 Fremont street, San Francisco, is now carrying a full stock of Broderick & Bascom's Yellow Strand Wire Rope, Sand Lines, Drilling Cables and Wire Rope of every description.

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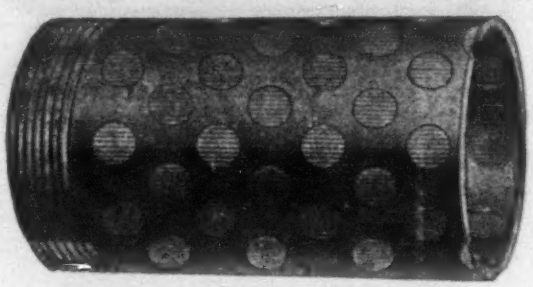

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1	Barge	Spindletop	Gulf Ref. Co	Guyton & Co	Galveston	4,543	.....
1	Barge	Guyton No. 1	Gulf Ref. Co.	Guyton & Co	Galveston	2,888	.....
2	Barge	Mingo	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co. of La	Gretna, La.	.....	4,477
2	Barge	Conemaugh	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Port Tampa, Fla.	.....	17,580
3	Barge	Allegheny	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co. of La	Gretna, La	.....	4,466
3	Ss	Edw. Dawson	Gulf Ref. Co.	For orders	Liverpool, Eng	.....	17,143
4	Ss	Northtown	The Texas Co.	For orders	Cienfuegos, Cuba	2,983	.....
8	Barge	Humble	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Morgan City, La	3,587	.....
9	Barge	Spindletop	Gulf Ref. Co	Guyton & Co	Galveston	4,562	.....
9	Barge	Guyton No. 1	Gulf Ref. Co.	Guyton & Co	Galveston	2,849	.....
10	Ss	Carpathian	The Texas Co.	For orders	Antwerp, Belg.	.....	49,325
10	Ss	Ligonier	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Boston, Mass.	1,853	34,313
15	Ss	Oklahoma	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gibson's Point	30,160	34,541
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Gulf Refining Co. for bunkers					527	.....
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by The Texas Co. for tugs and barges					457	.....
	Total for first half of February					54,419	161,845

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE

[In Barrels of 42 Gallons.]

Feb.	Rig	Name Vessel	Loaded by	Consignee	Destination	Gulf crude	Refinery products
4	Barge	Sabine	Security O. Co.	For orders	Port Chalmette, La	.....	21,219
4	Ss	Toledo	Sun P. L. Co	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook, Pa.	21,002	.....
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6	Barge	Spindletop	Sun a-c Hig'ns.	Guyton & Co	Galveston	4,602	.....
6	Barge	Guyton No. 1	Sun a-c Hig'ns.	Guyton & Co.	Galveston	3,081	.....
13	Barge	Sabine	Security O. Co.	For orders	Port Tampa, Fla.	.....	14.120
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by the Sun P. L. Co. to tugs and barges					723	.....
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Higgins O. & F. Co. to tugs and barges					23	.....
	Total for first half of February					77,049	35,339

WHAT MEXICO MIGHT DO IF COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON PETROLEUM WERE REMOVED.

A. R. Crum, an old-time oil writer, now at Charleston, W. Va., in an article in the Pittsburg Dispatch, points out the danger to oil producers in the United States if the countervailing duty on petroleum is removed in the revision of the tariff, now in progress.

The Oil Investors' Journal does not agree with Mr. Gartlan that "there is a flood of oil" now developed in Mexico. The fact that the Pearsons are getting their fuel oil for the Tehuantepec railroad from Texas seems to disprove the assertion that there is an immense supply of Mexican oil waiting to be poured into this country. But it goes without saying that such a supply will eventually be developed, and that perhaps, at no very distant day. Mr. Crum says:

"If tariff revisionists take off the countervailing duty on petroleum and its products the oil producers of Pennsylvania are going to suffer. Those of West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and California are in the same boat."

The above declaration was made by J. A. Gartlan of Pittsburg, familiarly known as "Andy" to every old-timer in the oil country. Mr. Gartlan is one of the most widely known oil producers in the country and a brother of Senator Gartlan of the West Virginia assembly. Then Mr. Gartlan continued:

"There is a flood of oil in Mexico, enough to fill the Rio Grande, ready to be poured into this country when that duty is repealed. It is dirty oil, but it is dangerous. Some people have been afraid of Russia, but it is a long way off and the freight is high. Mexico and Canada are different. Besides Canada pays a bonus on every barrel of oil produced in the Dominion.

"'If the men who are proposing the repeal of this countervailing duty imagine they are striking at the Standard Oil Company they are fooling themselves. The producer is the one who will suffer. Standard Oil can take care of itself, even to getting into Mexico, if necessary, and to giving the American producer less for his crude. That is where it will hurt the producer. He is the goat and will have to carry the burden.

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Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and California, but they will suffer enough. They have been pretty comfortable, if not on easy street, since Standard Oil killed the speculative market and tried to get all the good quality stuff, but is this repeal goes through their troubles are going to begin again. The price of oil will be less and the Pennsylvania producer with his small wells can't stand much reduction.

"Out in Oklahoma, where the producer has been living in hope of better conditions and better prices, he may as well quit. Mexico can drown him as effectually as he drowned his brother in Kansas. The Greasers have got the goods. They have a tariff of nearly $2 a barrel to protect them. We have the same protection against them as long as the countervailing duty is retained. But if that is repealed they can flood us and at the same time defy us to retaliate."

After careful investigation I find that Mr. Gartlan is conservative in his statements. The Mexican fields are of great extent and productiveness. The quality of oil is similar to that of the Gulf region in Texas, with the ever-present possibility of getting something better. The area of known productive character is far greater than that of the Appalachian oil fields, including Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The wells are large, some of them are sensational; the famous burning well, for example, known in Mexico as the "Dos Bocas.'" They have others as large as 5,000 to 10,000 barrels a day.

The Mexican tariff on crude oil is 4.36 cents per gallon and on refined oil it is 13.27 cents per gallon. This is equal to $1.83 on the barrel of crude oil of 42 gallons, and of $6.63 a barrel on refined. The tariff on refined has been so high that for years

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the Waters Pierce Oil Company has refined all the oil for the Mexican market in that country. As that company is the representative of the Standard Oil Company in that field, it is not hard to see how that interest would escape the penalties of free trade in oil with Mexico. It might be expected to soon be in the business of exporting oil from Mexico to the United States.

There is no direct duty on oil imported into this country. The only protection the American producer has is the following clause in the Dingley law, copied out of its predecessor, the Wilson tariff law, except the change from forty per cent ad valorem to parity:

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The only change from the Wilson law was to make the countervailing duty equal to that imposed by the foreign country instead of the specific 40 per cent of the Wilson act. Under this clause the American tariff on Mexican oil is $1.83 a barrel, though the option of free trade in oil is vested in the Mexican government, not in our

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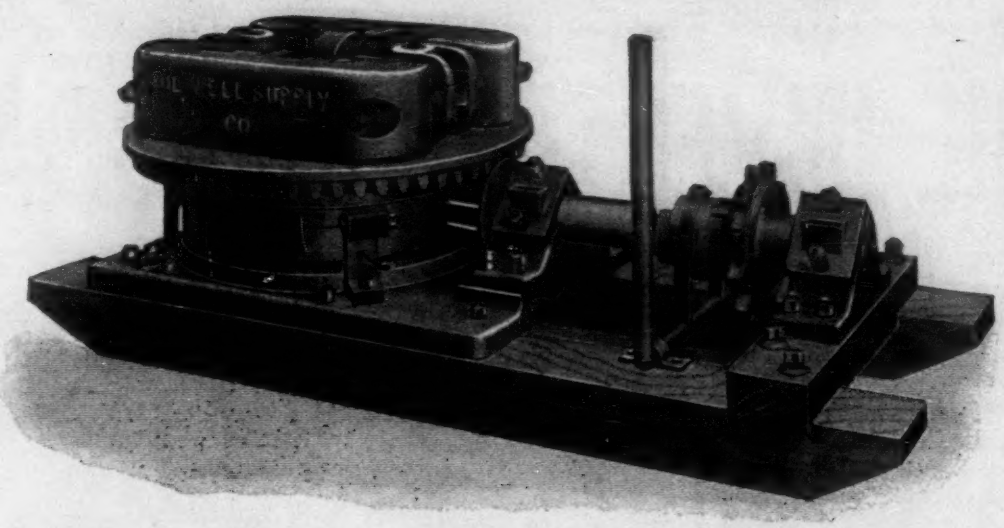

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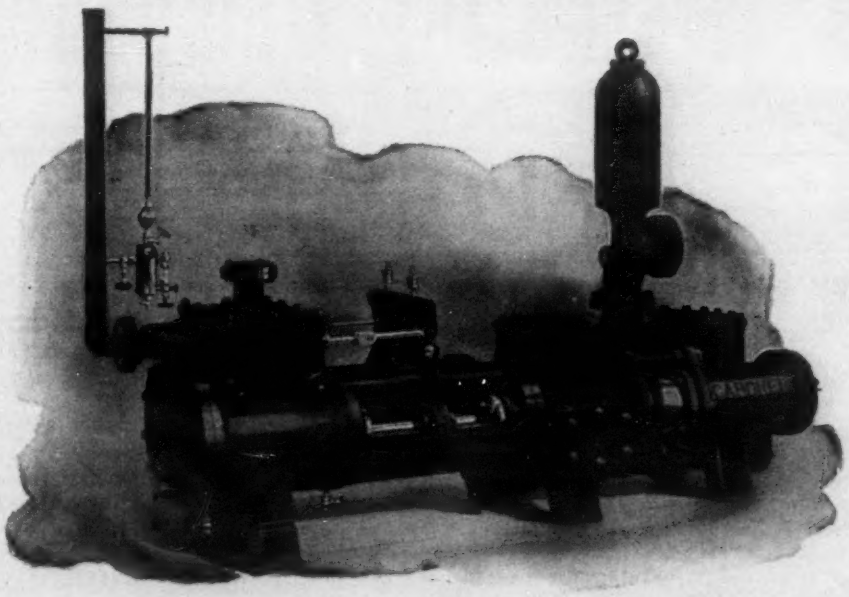

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Mexico	4.36 c	13.27c
Canada	Free	2.083c
Java (Dutch Indies)	5.19c	.37c
Japan 20 per cent ad valorem, plus 20 per cent for sundries		4.785c

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For the matter of the threat of Mexican competition I have been able to get some authoritative information. Developments have proved the existence of petroleum over an area extending from the Rio Grande to the Isthmus of Tehauntepec. The geological range of favorable formation lies along the Gulf coast mainly, but passes to the Pacific coast through the states of Tabasco and Chiapas.

At present the principal developments are in the province of Tamaulipas and Vera Cruz. The principal fields are at Ebano, where wells,, some of them two years old, produce an average of more than 1,000 barrels daily; near Tuxpaum, where the burning monster has attracted attention; the Furbero field, south of Tampico, with a pipe line to Tuxpam, sixty miles away, and the San Cristobal, the first love of the English Pearson & Son, Limited, company, which is seeking to supply a liquid fuel for the British navy, and has found it. In some way there is a connection between the Pearson concern and the Nigeria Asphalt Company, a subsidized British concessionary, operating in Africa.

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CALIFORNIA OIL DEVELOPMENTS.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—(Special)—All California has been experiencing unusually heavy rains for the past three weeks that have rendered roads well nigh impassable, washed out railroads and made the movement of material almost out of the question. In every field unnecessary development is suspended and many men are laid off. Producing wells with pipe line connection are not affected.

The Seacoast Oil Company that was preparing to drill a wildcat well at the mouth of Coal canyon on the coast about 25 miles northwest of Los Angeles, had built a new road to move its material into the region which is almost completely isolated, the railroad being 12 miles away. The storm has ruined this highway and it will be rebuilt, but there will be several months delay.

The Associated has struck the biggest gasser in California in its No. 3 on the Pacific Petroleum lease at Beverly just a few miles from the city limits of Los Angeles, and within 2000 yards of the big gusher brought in January 2. It is a little less than 2000 feet deep. It was bored with the rotary to almost that depth, and cable tools were used to finish it. The casing became stuck and it was shot with dynamite. A fierce gas flow followed, gravel, sand and heavy mud, but no water and no trace of oil, were thrown up over the derrick and the rumbling and explosions were heard for miles. This continued four days, then it was capped, but the gas has shown no signs of exhaustion and it is impossible to say whether it is a pocket or not. The gusher right by it is about 2800 feet deep and was the means of proving practically three miles intervening between it and the old Salt Lake field.

The Sherman Petroleum Company reports having a good showing at 2000 feet in a prospect well within the town of Sherman. This will mean a mile extension of the proven belt to the north.

Three miles west of the Beverly wells, the westernmost production in the field west of the city, the Amalgamated, a subsidiary company of the Associated, is drilling a deep well between the towns of Sawtelle and The Palms. A rotary was used to go 2900 feet, probably the deepest bore without casing known. All went well until a stop was made for repairs and the pipe was taken out. Rains came and 400 feet caved in. Now it is to be redrilled cased and the cable tools used to go deeper. No oil has yet been found.

The Santa Monica Oil Company, a local concern, has material on hand to put a rig on city lots in the municipal limits of Santa Monica.

The Pacific Light and Power Company is boring with a rotary about three quarters of a mile north of the proven belt in the Sherman or Salt Lake field, these two names being used for the region west of the city of Los Angeles. A strike means an important extension of territory. Development so far has tended rather to show

that the sand does not extend to this point.

W. S. Porter, general manager of the Associated, says that the production of California was 28,000 barrels a day greater last December than in the same month in 1907, the total being 143,000 barrels a day in December, 1908. He expects this to be sustained and increased this year. An especially heavy increase is looked for in the Sherman field. This he expects to be one of the greatest in all California.

Redondo, about 12 miles from the main Sherman field, is to become a great oil seaport. The Associated is building two steel tanks with an aggregate capacity of 75,000 barrels here. Hitherto it has used the storage tanks of the Pacific Light and Power Company, whose big plant here it supplies with fuel, for oil to be loaded for coastwise trade. Tank cars on the Los Angeles Pacific electric railroad are used, but an eight-inch pipe line already extends part of the way and is to be extended all the way. The Associated's big tankers are coming and going every few days, mostly to and from San Francisco bay with frequent trips to and from Honolulu. The Standard Oil Company of California has used Redondo for years for landing refined oils from the Point Richmond refinery for Southern California. With the completion of the new facilities shipments to Japan, now made from Gaviota, will start from Redondo. The Japanese liners will call for cargoes. Owing to the big subsidy paid by the Mikado the Associated's boats are unable to operate profitably to the Orient. Mr. Porter says that there is no truth in the story published here that the Associated is seeking trade in South America or at Panama. It did send Assistant General Manager Scribner to South America and to London some four years ago to look into conditions but decided not to go any further and the Union Oil Company took this business.

San Pedro is also becoming a more important oil port every day. It is a few miles north of Redondo. The Union is shipping crude from here to all parts of the coast and to Central and South America and Panama and is also landing refined oil products from its refinery at Oleum on San Francisco bay. The sea shipments out of Southern California via San Pedro and Redondo during January were a little over 110,000 barrels.

The Lonoak's strike in the Monterey-San Benito County field is the event of the day. It is 25 miles from the nearest town and details are not confirmed yet. The depth is said to be 1200 feet and oil rose 400 feet in the hole. This is the first find in this region where the wildcat work of the Standard Oil Company of California has been the sensation of the year. The Lonoak is a company of Salinas capitalists. It drilled to nearly 3000 feet last year, made a failure, abandoned its site and started afresh last October a few miles away.

The Standard has bought the 320 acres and 1700-foot dry hole of the Topo Valley Oil and Development Company, near its own development on the Dunn and Brown leases in Monterey

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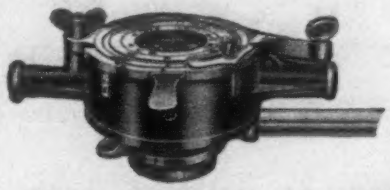

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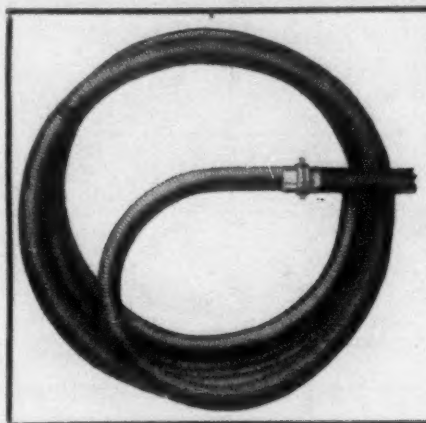

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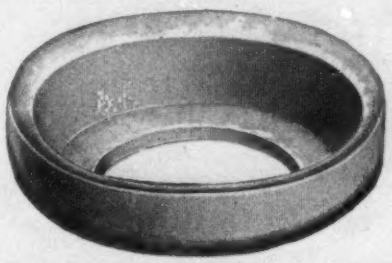

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and San Benito counties. The Topo Valley Company suspended last September. The price originally asked was $20,000 and the owners say they received a little less. The hole is deeper than any of the Standard's so far as known, and it is understood that it will be sunk deeper.

In Midway the Standard has oil below 2000 feet on section 19 out on the flat, amount yet unknown. Six rigs are being started It has a fine well just finished on the Jameson lease on 24 and is starting several more. The Standard has inaugurated the policy of posting the log of every well on the outside of the derrick for public inspection. A bill is now pending in the legislature to compel all operators to make their logs public by filing them with the county recorder. A. R. H.

WILDCAT NOTES.

The Union Oil Company of California began drilling February 10 on its test on the R. L. Anderson land, nine miles southwest of Uvalde, Texas.

The office, warehouse and three tanks at the Waters Pierce Oil Company's station at Hillsboro, Texas, were destroyed by fire on the afternoon of February 16. About 20,000 gallons of kerosene and 8000 gallons of gasoline were consumed. The loss is put at $10,000.

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Mexico City, Mexico, Feb. 4.—The territory adjacent to the Cananea, Yaqui River and Pacific railroad, which E. H. Harriman and associates are building down the Pacific slope of this country, with branch lines in the state of Sonora, is to be thoroughly explored for oil. When the construction of this road was started about two years ago, Mr. Harriman sent several oil experts to Mexico to make exploitations as to surface indications of oil along the route of the proposed road. It is stated that the reports of these experts as to the possible existence of oil at various localities in the Pacific coast territory are favorable and that extensive wildcatting is now to be done by drillers who have been sent to this country by Mr. Harriman's direction. It is not the intention of Mr. Harriman, it is said, to enter the oil industry of Mexico as a producer for the general market. He desires only that an abundance of the cheap fuel shall be provided for use upon the new road. It is the opinion of men who are familiar with the oil territory of Mex.co that the wildcatting operations that will soon be under way will result in the development of productive fields and that an abundant fuel supply will be obtained for the road. In the Pacific coast region of the state of Oaxaca, as well as in Chiapas, some oil prospecting has already been done by different concerns and good flows obtained in the wells that were bored. This oil can be transported by tank steamers from the scene of production to the ports touched by Mr. Harriman's road at low cost, it is claimed, and if the efforts to find oil in the upper coast territory fail the supply will be received from the lower coast region at low cost of transportation. The oil land holdings which Mr. Harriman and associates own in the proved Tampico territory will not be developed at this time, it is stated. Should the Harriman project of building a railroad down the gulf coast of Mexico materialize the Tampico oil field would prove of great advantage in providing a cheap fuel supply.—Oil Paint and Drug Reporter.

NOTES.

A special from Shreveport reports the purchase by the Busch-Everett Company of several tracts in the neighborhood of Vivian, north of Caddo, for a total consideration of $10,000.

Major John W. Otley, well known in the Gulf Coast region and elsewhere, through his geological and development work, is now located at Tampico, Mexico, where he is representing several Eastern concerns having interests in the coastal oil region of Mexico.

The Lewisville Oil and Gas Company has been organized, at Lewisville, Ark., with a capital stock of $50,000, of which $2000 has been subscribed. The purpose of the organization is to develop the oil and gas prospects near Lewisville, which is 40 miles north of Caddo. Allen H. Hamiter is president and W. J. Harrington, secretary; John McMurrough, vice president, and H. A. McCants, treasurer.

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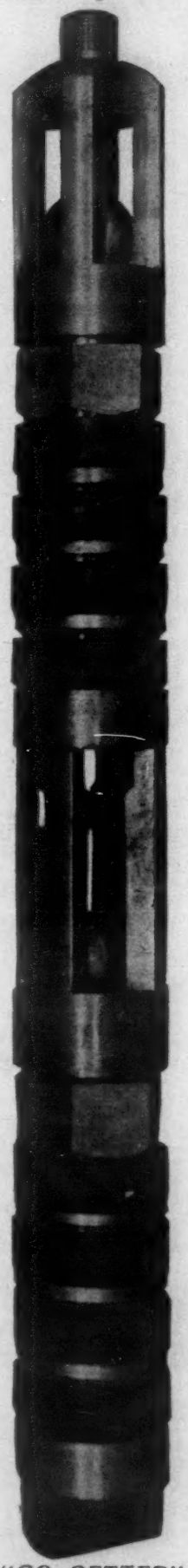

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